

Intimations.

IMPERIAL KWANTUNG LOAN
OF 1894.
PAYMENT OF INTEREST AND PART
PRINCIPAL
(NINTH PERIOD.)

NOTICE is hereby given that the Warrants for Interest on, and RE-PAYMENT of Part Principal of the Bonds of the IMPERIAL KWANTUNG LOAN OF 1894 will be ready for issue on the 10th January, 1900, at the Office of the IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS, Canton.

J. F. SCHOENICKE,
Commissioner of Customs,
Custom House,
Canton, 8th January, 1900. [38b]

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND
MORTGAGE CO., LIMITED.

THE THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S Office, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 13th January, 1900, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1899, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from 10th to 13th January, 1900, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 5th January, 1900. [28b]

THE WANCHAI WAREHOUSE AND
STORAGE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICE of the General Managers, No. 5, Queen's Road Central, on MONDAY, the 15th January, 1900, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1899.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 7th to 15th January, 1900, both days inclusive.

MEYER & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1899. [1622a]

THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO.,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ELEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, 1900, at 11.30 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1899.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 15th January to WEDNESDAY, the 24th January (both days inclusive), during which period NO Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Limited,
General Agents for
The West Point Building Co.,
Limited.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900. [15b]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
AND AGENCY COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWELFTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, 1900, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1899.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 15th January to WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, (both days inclusive) during which period NO Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900. [14b]

EUROPEAN CLERK WANTED.

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO. require the Services of a EUROPEAN CLERK, Age about 30. Married man preferred. Liberal Salary to an Experienced Man.

Apply by Letter to—
EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1900. [41b]

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that a certain SHARE CERTIFICATE numbered 2737 for 100 Shares in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, has been issued fraudulently and without the authority of the said Company and is now in circulation.

ALL PERSONS therefore are hereby warned against purchasing or otherwise dealing with the said Share Certificate.

EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LIMITED.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1899. [1622a]

Notice of Firms.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day established myself in Hongkong as a MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT, under the STYLE and FIRM of F. W. HALL & Co.

F. W. HALL,
No. 1, Duddell Street,
Hongkong, 1st January, 1900. [16b]

NOTICE.

THE WANCHAI GODOWNS.

WE the Undersigned have This Day been appointed AGENTS for the above Godowns, all Applications for Storage of Goods should be made to us.

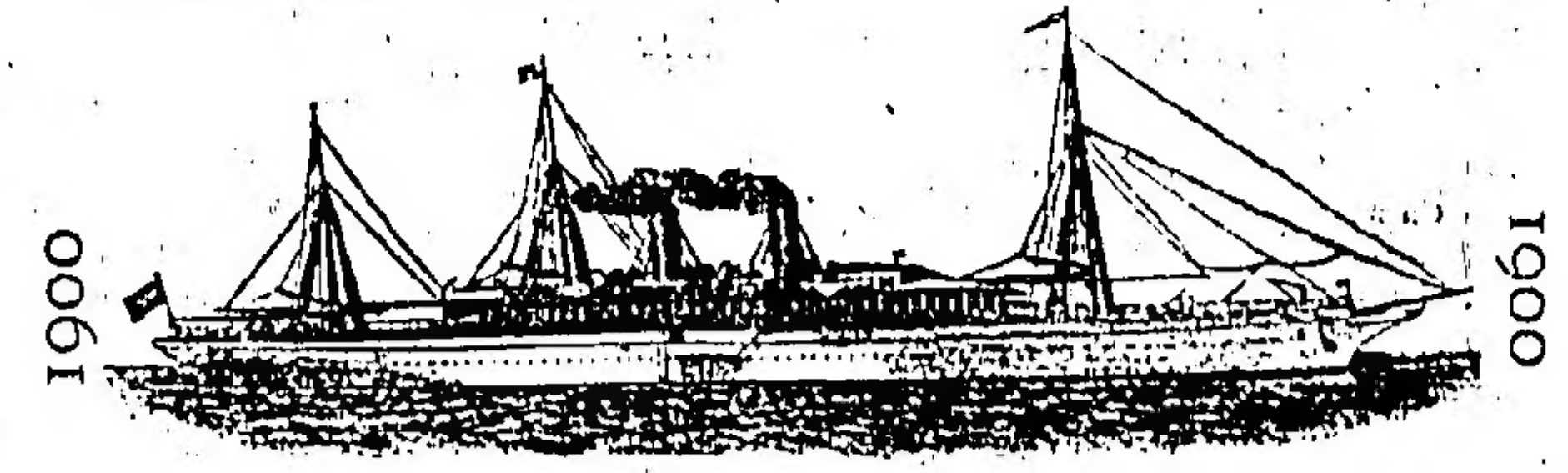
T. RAUCHENSTEIN & CO.,
12, Beaconsfield Arcade,
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900. [29a]

THE WANCHAI GODOWNS.

WE have This Day appointed Messrs. T. RAUCHENSTEIN & CO. to be AGENTS for the above Godowns, all Applications for Storage of Goods should be made to them.

TANG LAP TING,
MOK KUN HUI,
MOK YUEN LIM.
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900. [21b]

Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY.'S
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.
THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA
AND THE UNITED STATES.

(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, YOKOHAMA & VICTORIA, E.C.)
Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R. ...WEDNESDAY, 17th January.
EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R. ...WEDNESDAY, 14th February.
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R. ...WEDNESDAY, 14th March.

THE magnificent Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide, Booklets, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to
D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Raffles Street.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1899. [13]

NORTHERN PACIFIC
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.

VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KORE,
AND YOKOHAMA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM
HONGKONG.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C. AND TACOMA,
IN CONNECTION WITH

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

Saint Irene... [3,877] W. A. [Jan. 12]
Baconville... [3,567] G. E. [Jan. 20]
Tacoma... [3,811] A. D. [Jan. 30]

Also
FOR PORTLAND, OREGON,
IN CONNECTION WITH

OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVI-
GATION COMPANY.

Abegweit... [3,777] J. Murray... [Jan. 27]

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by the Line, HONGKONG TO LONDON £47.

Excellent accommodation. First-class Tables. DOCTOR AND STEWARDSS carried.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK £41.

The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route. Passengers to Europe may proceed by one of the first-class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA £28.

Rates of Passage to other Points on application. Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Ports should be in quadruplicate, and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the Freight Agent, Tacoma, Wash., or Portland, Or. (whichever may be the destination of the Steamer).

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information apply to
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED.
General Agents.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1900. [4]

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL
STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH
THE ATCHESON TOPEKA & SANTA
FE RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM
HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO AND
SAN FRANCISCO,
VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND
HONOLULU.

Taking Cargo and Passengers to JAPAN PORTS, and HONOLULU, THE UNITED STATES, &c.

Strathgyle... [5,023] Monday [Jan. 15]
Carlisle City... [3,002] about [Jan. 25]
Belgian King... [3,379] about [Feb. 1]
Carmarthenshire... [2,929] about [Feb. 15]

THE Steamship

"STRATHGYLE,"
will be despatched for SAN DIEGO and
SAN FRANCISCO, via KOBÉ, YOKO-
HAMA and HONOLULU, on MONDAY,
the 15th instant.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel packages will be received at the OFFICE until the same time. All parcels should be marked to address in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany cargo destined to Points beyond San Diego, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Diego.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, China and Japan.
Hongkong, 9th January, 1900. [28]

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA,
ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN
PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.
(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA,
PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and
AMERICAN PORTS.)

THE Steamship

"MASSILIA,"
Captain C. Gadd, Carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched for BOMBAY, &c. on SATURDAY, the 20th instant, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay with Transhipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 6th January, 1900. [5]

Mails.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
INABA MARU... W. Bainbridge	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANT- WERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	SUNDAY, 14th Jan., at Noon.
*KINSHU MARU... W. Brady	VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, U.S.A., via SHANGHAI (WOSUNG), Kobe and YOKOHAMA.	MONDAY, 15th Jan., at 4 P.M.
YAWATA MARU... A. E. Moses	MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE.	FRIDAY, 26th Jan., at 4 P.M.
KAMAKURA MARU...	MARSEILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO & PORT SAID.	FRIDAY, 26th Jan., at Noon.

* Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at No. 7, Praya Central.

A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1900. [6]

NORDDEUTSCHER
LLOYD.HAMBURG-AMERIKA
LINIE.

(Freight Service.)
(Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS; NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
*SARNIA... Fuchs	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	15th Jan. Freight and Passage.
AMERICA... Barmister	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	18th Jan. Freight.
WITENBERG... Madsen	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	About 27th Jan. Freight.
*SILESIA... Behrens	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 5th Feb. Freight and Passage.
HOLSATIA... Balle	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	About 8th Feb. Freight.

* These Steamers have Superior Accommodation for Passengers and carry a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For further Particulars as to Freight, Passage, &c., apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Agents.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TO SAN FRANCISCO, VIA INLAND SEA
OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

AMERICA MARU (via
Shanghai, Nagasaki,
Kobe, Inland Sea,
Yokohama and Hono-
lulu) Saturday, 27th Jan.,
at Noon.

HONGKONG MARU (via
Shanghai, Nagasaki,
Kobe, Inland Sea,
Yokohama and Hono-
lulu) Thursday, 22nd Feb.,
at Noon.

NIPPON MARU (via
Shanghai, Nagasaki,
Kobe, Inland Sea,
Yokohama and Hono-
lulu) Tuesday, 20th March,
at Noon.

THE Steamship

"AMERICA MARU,"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBÉ, INLAND
SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on
SATURDAY, the 27th instant, at Noon,
taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the
United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the IN-
LAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONO-
LULU, and Passengers are allowed to break
their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England,
France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic
lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of
the United States or Canada. Rates may be
obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO
EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail
routes from San Francisco including the
SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC,
UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE,
and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the
CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of
£4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND
CITIES in the United States have between
San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the
SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC,
UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE,
and other direct connecting Railways and from
Chicago to destination the choice of direct
lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had
on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to
Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military,
Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European
officials in the service of China and Japan, and
to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports,
to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities
of the United States, via Overland Railway, to
Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports
in Mexico, Central and South America, by the
Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4
P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel
Packages will be received at Office until 5 P.M.
same day; all Parcel Packages should be
marked to address in full; value of same is
required.

Consular Invoices to accompany cargo des-
tined to Points beyond San Francisco in the
United States should be sent to the Company's
Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and
Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company,
Queen's Building.
J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 4th January, 1900. [7]

U.S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND
HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

*Algoa (via Moji, Kobe,
Yokohama and Hono-
lulu) Saturday, 10th Feb.,
1900, at Noon.

China (via Shanghai,
Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland
Sea, Yokohama and
Honolulu) Saturday, 3rd March,
1900, at Noon.

City of Rio de Janeiro
(via Shanghai, Naga-
saki, Kobe, Inland
Sea, Yokohama and
Honolulu) Tuesday, 27th March,
1900, at Noon.

(* Taking Cargo only.)

THE U.S. Mail Chartered Steamship

"ALGOA,"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO,
via MOJI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA & HONO-
LULU, SATURDAY, the 10th February,
1900, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the IN-
LAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu,
and passengers are allowed to break their
journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England,
France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic
lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of
the United States of Canada. Rates may be
obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO
EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail
Routes from San Francisco, including the
SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACI-
FIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO
GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC
RAILWAY; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC
RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to
the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders FOR OVER-
LAND CITIES in the United States have
between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO,
the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC,
CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC,
DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other
direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago
to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had
on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to
Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military,
Diplomatic, and Civil Service, to European
Officials in the service of China and Japan, and
to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transpor-
tation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports,
to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities
of the United States, via Overland Railways,
to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports
in Mexico, Central and South America, by the
Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M.
the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages
will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same
day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to
address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany cargo des-
tined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the
United States, should be sent to the Company's
Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and
Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company,
Queen's Building.
J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1899. [1]

Mails.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON,
1900.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned Vessels will sail from
CHINA DIRECT
FOR
MARSEILLES, PLYMOUTH
AND
LONDON.

WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.

STEAMERS. Tons. S'hai. H'kong. S'pore.

Parramatta, 4886, Mar. 27, Mar. 31, April 6

Massilia, 5626, April 10, April 14, April 20

For Freight or Passage, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent, Hongkong,
4th December, 1899. [32]

Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"TIENTSIN"

FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are
being landed and placed at their risk in the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 10th instant, at 4
P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in
any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the
Godowns and a certificate of the damage ob-
tained from the Godown Company within ten
days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which
no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

FOOTBALL IN RUSSIA.

ENGLISH, GERMANS, AND GREEKS PLAYING IN THE CAUCASUS.

A football club is in course of formation at Baku, the centre of the Russian oil-fields. Already several practice games have been played, and shortly the first match is to take place. The players consist of part of the English colony (numbering under 50), a few Greeks, and Germans. The prime mover in this club is Mr. C. W. Hubbard, who last year was well known in North London football circles. This gentleman obtained the balls from England and called the players together. The conditions under which the game is played would surprise most of our readers. There is not a blade of grass for miles, and the sandy soil is exceedingly unpleasant to fall on. If the north wind is blowing play is impossible owing to the dust getting into the player's eyes. Baku must be one of the strangest football grounds in the world, whilst the spectators (consisting of Tartars, Armenians, and Georgians) would be in themselves an attraction on an English ground. The Georgians have a game of football of their own.

WEDDING BREAKFAST MYSTERY.

At St. Helens, Lancashire, the other day a glass worker named Peter Cowan was married to Miss Mary Downey. Subsequently about 30 guests sat down to a wedding breakfast consisting of beef, mutton, pork, and the usual sweets, which had been procured from a local dealer. The following day three of the party were taken seriously ill, while a day later eight others, including the bride and bridegroom, were also attacked in a less acute form. The symptoms are those of food poisoning, and the local medical officer of health is at present engaged in making investigation into the matter with the view of ascertaining the specific cause of the mischief.

BOER REPORT OF THEIR LOSSES.

ORANGE RIVER, 27 NOV. 8.40 A.M.
Another triumph of wounded arrived here during the night from Graspan. They numbered over 70, and about half of them were Boers.

The Boer prisoners report that the enemy's loss in killed at Belem was believed to be 100, and at Graspan 200. Surgeon-General Wilson is in personal attendance upon the wounded.

GENERAL INDIGNATION.

The Suffolk House Society meeting at Ipswich discussed a proposal to exhibit at the Paris Exhibition of 1900.

Sir Cuthbert Quilter, M.P., president, said that no horse of his should be sent to a country which did not emphatically disclaim and take measures to stop such offensive placards and literature as had been recently issued in France with regard to Queen Victoria.

It was unanimously resolved to inform the secretary of the exhibition that the society were not prepared to come to any decision at present.

NOT WANTED.

SCURRILOUS FRENCH PAPERS OFFERED FOR SALE IN LONDON.

A London representative was the witness of an extraordinary little scene in the City the other day.

About one p.m. a lad was standing in Old Broad-st.,—almost opposite the Stock Exchange—offering for sale a number of French newspapers.

A crowd gathered round him and began to make angry exclamations. "Turn him away," said one. "We won't have those scurrilous rags for sale here," said another. These remarks were cordially approved on all hands.

Only one man ventured to remonstrate. "The boy is only trying to earn a living," he remarked; "if you object why don't you buy him out?"

"Because I wouldn't buy such filth," was the answer.

The lad moved on, the crowd moving with him. "Things began to look ugly that the boy, rather terrified, packed up his papers and beat a retreat. His flight was accelerated by a police-inspector, who came up and who called out to him, "You had better get away before you get into trouble."

The incident is significant of the annoyance which the malicious references to the Queen and the British army in the French Press has caused to many in this country.

DISRAELI'S HOME.

Mr. Coningsby Disraeli, M.P., who a few years ago came into possession of the Hughenden estate in Buckinghamshire at an age specified in his uncle's (the Earl of Beaconsfield's) will, is having the historic Manor enlarged by the addition of a new wing. The work is being carried out in accordance with a design in keeping with the fabric of the mansion, and the total cost will be about £5,000. In the beautiful grounds surrounding the manor, where Benjamin Disraeli used to delight to spend his leisure time, there are several features of interest, including the trees that were planted by the Queen and other members of the royal family.

HARPER BROTHERS.

THE RECONSTRUCTION WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH THE FAMOUS MAGAZINE.

English readers of *Harper's Monthly* may dismiss all anxiety as to the future of the famous magazine. There has been misapprehension and even some exaggeration, but the financial stability of the great publishing firm is as strong to-day as ever it was. The prospects for 1900 are almost brighter than ever before in the history of the house.

Such is a brief outline of the information gleaned by a representative of *The Leader* from the London manager of Messrs. Harper Brothers, and the impression gathered from a casual glance over their publishing warehouse in Albemarle-st., gives strong corroboration. Everywhere there are signs of active vitality.

The facts of the case are that the corporation which now owns the business is going through a process of "reconstruction." That is the official description of the new arrangements, which, however, to eyes external are not clearly distinguishable from the creation of something very much like a trust in literature, engineered under the competent guidance of Mr. Pierpont Morgan.

Mr. John Harper, whose wife died last year, is retiring, and Mr. John Harvey, who is proprietor of the *North American Review*, as well as its editor, joins the corporation as managing director. Arrangements are also in progress for developing the business in every direction.

The prospectus of the magazine for 1900 certainly seems to confirm this forecast. Mrs. Humphry Ward, "Mark Twain," Rudyard Kipling, Dr. Conn Doyle, and Sir Martin Conway are only a few of the celebrated names which will head contributions to its pages during the year.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS AT THE POST OFFICE.

Letters for the following persons lie unclaimed at the Post Office:—

Arnold, A. K. Lank, J.
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